

# Ely Bauxite Mine Beneficiaries Trust

## December 2019

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A newsletter from the Directors and Shareholders of the Ely Bauxite Mine Beneficiaries Corporation Pty Ltd as Trustee for the Ely Bauxite Mine Aboriginal Beneficiaries Trust.

**An important newsletter**

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**This final Newsletter for 2019 sets out outcomes from the recent Shareholders and Directors Meeting and the Annual General Meeting of the Trustee of the Ely Trust.**

## Directors and Shareholders Workshop

Following the constructive workshop held just before the 2018 AGM, a Workshop of Shareholders and Directors was held on 27 November 2019, to assist and guide Directors on the direction of the Trust, as well as reporting back on progress with the directions set in late 2018.

The workshop focused on how the aims of the Trust have been implemented this year and how best to strengthen the Trust to give the best outcomes to beneficiaries.

The Trust's first employee, its CEO Bruce Gibson, has identified that a major area for improvement to strengthen the work of the Trust is about communication with beneficiaries and communities and also with Rio Tinto.

The Trust has developed a communications strategy to improve communications. The Trust is pleased to announce that Project Officers have been appointed in each of the three communities. Susan Kennedy (New Mapoon and NPA), Geraldine Mamoose (Mapoon) and Lorna Bosen (Napranum) will be working with each of their communities to encourage proposals for community projects and also to assist people with applications for both community projects and for new businesses.



Geraldine Mamoose (Project Officer Mapoon), Susan Kennedy (Project Officer New Mapoon and NPA), Bruce Gibson (CEO) with Lorna Bosen (Project Officer Napranum)

# Distributions Policy

Following community meetings throughout the year, and as set out in the most recent newsletter, the workshop discussed the important and difficult issue of whether to keep making cash distributions to beneficiaries or rather to direct more resources to community projects and long-term benefits. The workshop unanimously recommended that cash distributions stop after a final 2019 payment, but to reconsider the matter on the current planned end of mining by Rio Tinto, in 2027.

## AGM

Following the AGM, there is now a slightly new Board of Directors, who are Linda McLachlan (who was again nominated to be Chairperson)

- Delora Nixon
- Sandra Woosup
- Gwen Toby
- Vicki Kennedy
- Gina Nona

Thanks were expressed to the former Directors, Peter Guivarra and Jackie Malacoola, for their strong and dedicated service as Directors on the Board.



2020 Directors [left to right] (back row) Vicki Kennedy, Linda McLachlan and Sandra Woosup (front row) Gwen Toby, Delora Nixon and Gina Nona

The Ely Trust wishes you and your family a safe and peaceful Christmas and New Year period. The Trust is aware that there is a lot of work to do in 2020, especially to:

- Improve communications;
- Roll out community projects; and
- Strengthen arrangements for traditional owner business development